

Arizona Cancer Control Research Committee
Meeting Minutes for December 14, 2007
Noon -1:10 pm
Location: T-Gen Conference Room - Phoenix, Arizona
Call in number 866.365.4406 pass-code 3438819

Attendees: Sharon Jaycox, Tim Flood, John Carpten, Joan Bald, Jacqueline Palmenberg, Heather Cunliffe, Matthew Nelson, and Veronica Vensor

Call in: Kendra Sabol, Jamie Sellers, Keith Provan, and Scott Leischow

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Welcome	John Carpten welcomed everyone and a roll call was done of those in attendance. Agendas were distributed.	
Cancer Network Analysis Update	Keith Provan reported on the status of the Network Analysis project. He noted that data collection had been completed. The response rate was 90% (from 25 organizations identified in the state). The next step would be coding and entering data. This was to begin over the winter break with a goal of completion in February. Keith advised that initial very preliminary analysis showed that a strong network did not appear to exist in Arizona. Several noted that this was not a surprise. Dr. Carpten suggested it would be interesting to repeat the work in a few years and see the differences.	Keith Provan to fill in Jesse Nadora on today's meeting.
Tissue Donor Awareness Project Update	<p>Sharon Jaycox distributed copies of the evaluation results from the October 13th Workshop in Prescott. The Prescott Workshop had fewer attendees so the format was adjusted to a roundtable discussion. It was also notable in that the Native American community participated. Overall results indicated attendees were pleased with the event with 69% rating the workshop in general as excellent. Several indicated that more time was needed for discussion or questions. Also, there were requests for more detailed information on how and where patients could donate tissue.</p> <p>Heather Cunliffe reported on the November 17th Workshop in Tucson. She thought approximately 40 attended. She noted that there was a large panel involved and that individuals from NCI attended. The audience had to be prompted during the question and answer session to get some issues addressed. Discussion as to how to</p>	The Tucson Workshop evaluations will be presented at the next meeting.

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	<p>proceed on the “Tissue Issue” was tabled until the next meeting. One of the issues brought up was “how to engage the clinical community” more effectively.</p>	
<p>Where are We in Relation to Our Goals?</p> <p>Goal 1: Promote communications, collaboration, infrastructure, training, and funding among cancer researchers.</p>	<p>John Carpten distributed an outline for formulating a document to show the committee’s progress toward its goals. This will serve as a starter document and committee members can fill in more details.</p> <p>The Network Analysis Project addressed Goal 1.</p>	<p>Keith Provan to provide a detailed summary and update on the project to date. Info to be emailed to John Carpten to insert in document.</p>
<p>Where are We in Relation to Our Goals?</p> <p>Goal 2: Improve the accessibility, analysis and evaluation of cancer data, and promote the use of tissue banking in cancer research.</p>	<p>Project 1 was the Arizona Cancer Registry Analysis. Tim Flood has completed this project. He asked about whether to include charts, tables, etc. in the new “Progress Toward Goals” document. Hyperlinks can be used instead of insertion in the actual document.</p> <p>Project 2 was the Tissue Issue Workshops. All 3 Workshops have been successfully completed. A \$10,000 grant from the Dept. of Health Services was utilized to help fund the project. Sharon Jaycox added that Barbara Kavanaugh raised additional funds from drug companies to support the cost of the Workshops.</p>	<p>Tim Flood to provide a detailed summary on this completed project. Info to be emailed to John Carpten to insert in document.</p> <p>Kay Kays to provide a detailed summary on this completed project. Info to be emailed to John Carpten to insert in document.</p>
<p>Where are We in Relation to Our Goals?</p> <p>Goal 3: Promote participation in cancer clinical trials in Arizona, specifically among underserved populations.</p>	<p>John Carpten pointed out that the committee had done the least with this goal and he hoped it could be addressed more in the future. Joan Bald noted that the Tissue Workshops did address clinical trials and at Prescott there was a discussion about Native American involvement in trials and some of the disincentives to involvement due to past experience. The Workshop evaluation from Prescott showed that 54% rated “excellent” their understanding of the importance of participating in clinical trials after the Workshop.</p>	
<p>Ideas to Address Goal 3</p>	<p>Jacqueline Palmenberg passed out a 2 page document that summarized clinical trials and showed how the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society is supporting participation in clinical trials. It showed links to their efforts in this area. She stated that this is one of the 4 key priorities for LLS. There was a discussion about how to best address the issue. Jamie Sellers stated that The Wellness Community does do programs on this and could promote other</p>	<p>Heather Cunliffe will look into the possibilities of an Arizona database of clinical trials and how it could be funded and maintained.</p>

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	<p>programs to cancer patients. Finding out about specific local clinical trials seemed to be more of a problem than understanding what a clinical trial is, involves or requires. Some type of database of Arizona trials was discussed. It was noted that there are national databases that do address this.</p>	
<p>Committee Membership</p>	<p>Sharon Jaycox suggested that it might be advisable to try to get involvement from students interested in medical research. Other names were suggested regarding enlarging the committee. It was suggested that moving around the location of the meeting might attract more membership or participation.</p> <p>John Carpten announced he will be stepping down as co-chair of the Research Committee shortly.</p>	<p>Tim Flood will check with the downtown medical school to see if they can recruit a committee member. Sharon Jaycox will follow-up with nursing programs including Gateway CC.</p> <p>Kendra Sabol will work to find a co-chair to serve with Jesse Nadora.</p>
<p>Misc.</p>	<p>Tim Flood is working with AZ TransNet on registries and tissue issues and hoped the committee would be involved or support their efforts. He is seeking a way to bring the two groups together.</p>	<p>Tim Flood to follow-up with information on AZ TransNet.</p>
<p>Next Meeting</p>	<p>A date was not selected.</p> <p>The next meeting will be held at the Piper Cancer Center in Scottsdale.</p>	<p>Sharon to work with John Carpten (and Gwen) on scheduling next meeting.</p> <p>Joan Bald to check on meeting space availability at Piper.</p>